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CHINESE IMPORT STATISTICS 1945 - 1947

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[Comment: The following tables of statistics were taken from an article entitled, "A Study of China's Import Statistics," by Kao Chung-ho published, in the Chung-yang Yin-hang Yueh-pao (Central Bank Monthly), February 1949. The tables show US export and Chinese import data for 1945 and 1946 for 17 major commodities and Hong Kong export and Chinese import data for 1945 - 1947.]

1. US and Chinese Statistics on Chinese Imports From US, 1945 - 1946

	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount (US dollars)</u>
China imports from US	1946	319,099,000
US exports to China	1946	329,213,000
US exports to China	Oct 1945 - Sep 1946	265,488,000
US exports to China	Nov 1945 - Oct 1946	282,366,000

Some of the imported commodities were stored in the customs warehouses awaiting transshipment, or they were removed from the warehouse, after a certain period, to be reported to the customs administration. There may be a difference of several months between the time the commodities arrive in the port and the time the commodities are reported to the customs office. These commodities are only a small portion of the total commodities imported. The following table shows a comparison of total value of commodities removed from customs warehouses and reported to customs and the total value of import commodities for 1946 - 1947.

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2. Comparison of Total Value of Commodities Removed From Customs Warehouses and Reported to Customs for Import and the Total Value of Import Commodities, 1946 - 1947

<u>1946</u>	<u>Total Value of Commodities Removed From Customs Ware- houses and Reported to Customs (1,000 yuan)</u>	<u>Total Value of Import Commodities (1,000 yuan)</u>
Jul	968,183	111,565,142
Aug	2,205,520	137,469,872
Sep	2,870,529	245,893,573
Oct	1,122,932	229,334,029
Nov	2,834,093	227,226,177
Dec	6,424,203	156,606,063
<u>1947</u>		
Jan	463,243	48,475,339
Feb	705,886	81,882,144
Mar	2,641,910	144,985,432
Apr	7,921,277	210,922,464
May	6,639,147	415,131,864
Jun	9,442,723	266,708,150
Jul	5,495,280	236,961,257
Aug	5,492,293	478,098,595
Sep	17,528,398	266,725,778
Oct	12,577,091	530,040,429
Nov	21,946,998	1,560,524,082
Dec	38,685,573	2,116,048,763

Comparison of US and Chinese Statistics on Quantity and Value of
21 Commodities Imported From US by China - 1946
(figures in parentheses are the quantity sent to UNRRA)

Item	1946 China Statistics		1946 US Statistics	
	Quantity	Value (US dollars)	Quantity	Value (US dollars)
Weaving machinery and parts	2,014 quintals	610,262	11,521 quintals	594,190
Cigarettes	3,982,368--500 per pack (5,187)	5,897,750	4,203,854--500 per pack	5,425,113
Tobacco	11,694,615 kilograms	11,292,178	11,676,682 kilograms	10,568,572
Lyc	45,527 quintals (91)	860,382	36,674 quintals	288,977
Kerosene	121,271,025 liters (35,670)	9,177,041	79,619,727 kilograms	1,969,367
Lubricating grease	13,446 quintals (1,261)	319,431	21,526 quintals	245,618
Coffee	994,992 kilograms (76,531)	722,666	618,793 kilograms	429,756
Newsprint	40,088 quintals	784,395	16,181 quintals	200,376
Cigarette paper	4,091,402 kilograms	5,538,688	3,484,547 kilograms	3,690,240
Paraffin	47,009 quintals	989,403	26,607 quintals	359,319
Raisins	2,240 quintals	119,528	1,489 quintals	42,119
Coal	33,755 metric tons	824,599	46,891 metric tons	582,296
Car tires	70,535 (4,577)	2,258,740	67,894	2,124,756

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Car tubes	59,893 (7,027)	269,605	54,114	228,205
Cars and busses (including trucks)	1,585	2,770,456	614	945,009
Lubricating oil	62,810,804 liters	6,601,233	69,071,575 liters	4,400,019
Printers ink	13,519 quintals	884,977	11,403 quintals	711,156
Toothpowder and toothpaste	213,309 kilograms	436,572	192,469 kilograms	373,676
Apples	6,468 quintals	233,856	7,262 quintals	140,155
Wood-pulp paper	20,556 quintals	262,516	19,124 quintals	158,229
Gasoline	205,121,020 liters	14,891,849	163,614,060 liters	4,832,177

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4. Comparison of US and Chinese Statistics on Value of
17 Commodities Imported From US by China, 1945 - 1946

<u>Item</u>	<u>Oct 1945-Sep 1946</u> <u>US Statistics</u> <u>(US dollars)</u>	<u>1946</u> <u>China Statistics</u> <u>(US dollars)</u>
Cigarettes	5,425,113	5,897,750
Tobacco	10,568,572	11,292,176
Lye	288,977	860,382
Kerosene	1,969,367	9,177,041
Lubricating grease	245,818	319,434
Newsprint	200,376	784,395
Cigarette paper	3,690,240	5,538,688
Paraffin	359,319	989,483
Raisins	42,119	119,528
Car tires	2,124,756	2,258,720
Car tubes	226,205	269,605
Cars and buses (including trucks)	945,009	2,770,458
Lubricating oil	4,400,019	6,601,233
Printers ink	711,156	884,977
Apples	140,155	233,856
Wood-pulp paper	158,229	262,516
Gasoline	4,832,177	14,891,849
Total	36,329,609	63,152,093

5. US and Chinese Statistics on Quantity of 17 Commodities Imported From US by China, 1945 - 1946

[Only 15 items are reported for this table.]

Item	<u>Chinese Statistics</u>	<u>1946</u> <u>UNRRA Aid</u> <u>Chinese Statistics</u>	<u>Oct 1945 - Sep 1946</u> <u>Chinese Statistics</u>	<u>Nov 1945 - Oct 1946</u> <u>US Statistics</u>
Cigarettes (500 per pack)	3,982,368	5,187	4,203,054	4,671,104
Tobacco (kilograms)	11,894,615	--	11,676,682	14,992,447
Lye	45,537	91	36,674	38,893
Kerosene (liters)	121,271,095	79,678	79,619,727	79,924,388
Lubricating grease (quintals)	19,446	1,261	21,526	21,660
Newsprint (quintals)	40, 88	--	16,181	16,691
Cigarette Paper (kilograms)	4,091,282	--	3,484,547	3,981,677
Paraffin (quintals)	47,009	--	26,607	27,494
Raisins (quintals)	2,240	--	1,489	1,518
Car tires (including truck)	1,585	34	814	1,037
Lubricating oil (liters)	62,810,804	875,151	69,071,575	68,281,067
Printers ink (quintals)	13,519	--	11,403	11,479
Apples (quintals)	6,468	--	7,262	7,261
Wood-pulp paper (quintals)	20,556	--	15,124	19,124
Gasoline (liters)	205,121,828	292,442	168,614,868	192,535,714

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6. Comparison of Hong Kong and Chinese Statistics on Imports From Hong Kong by China, 1945 - 1946

<u>Period</u>	<u>Hong Kong Statistics</u>		<u>Chinese Statistics</u>
	<u>Hong Kong Exports to China (HK dollars)</u>	<u>Hong Kong Exports to Macao (HK dollars)</u>	<u>Hong Kong Exports to China via Macao (HK dollars)</u>
Dec 1945 to Nov 1946	280,586,336	30,157,785	20,105,190
Nov 1945 to Oct 1946	244,859,145	28,406,834	18,937,889

7. Imports Into China From Hong Kong, Mar - Apr 1947

	Amount (HK dollars)
Direct import from Hong Kong	20,925,719
Indirect import from Hong Kong via Canton, Kowloon, Swatow	120,470,413
Indirect import from Hong Kong via Amoy, Taiwan, K'un-ming	3,023,719
Indirect import from Hong Kong via Pei-hai, Lu-chou, Ch'ing-chou	1,378,984
Total imports from Hong Kong	145,798,835

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